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Re: U.S. Serial No. 09/994,458 AUTOMATED TISSUE STAINING SYSTEM AND
REAGENT CONTAINER
Attorney Docket No. LABV-04

ATTACHMENTS/COMMENTS: OFFICIAL
Please deliver to Maureen Wallenhorst
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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
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☒ Other than a Small Entity.
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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___ one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
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(b) XX Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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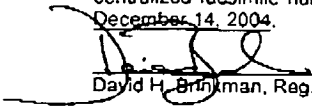
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.